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MOFA HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT, WHICH IT PLANS TO RELEASE EVENING OF APRIL 23 IN SEOUL: BEGIN TEXT. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF RATIFYING THE NPT (SEOUL, 23 APRIL 1973)

1. ON 23 APRIL 1975, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS DEPOSITED ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US OF AMERICA AND HAS BECOME A PARTY TO THE TREATY ON THAT DATE.

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2. ON THIS OCCASION OF RATIFYING THE TREATY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA REAFFIRMS ITS FIRM WISHES TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY WHICH IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE WORLD

PEACE BY PROHIBITING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND AT FACILITATING THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

- 3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FURTHER WISHES TO STATE THAT ITS RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY WILL TESTIFY TO ITS STRONG INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE WORLD PEACE IN GENERAL AND THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN THIS AREA IN PARTICULAR. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BELIEVES THAT A WIDER ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY WILL ACCELERATE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
- 4. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TAKES NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES HAVE MADE THEIR RESPECTIVE DECLARATIONS IN JUNE OF 1968 TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD ANY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE WHICH IS A VICTIM OF AN ACT OR AN OBJECT OF A THREAT OF AGGRESSION IN WHICH NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE USED. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO RECALLS THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTED ITS RESOLUTION TO THE SAME EFFECT ON 19 JUNE 1968.
- 5. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HOPES THAT ITS RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY WILL FURTHER PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WITH DUE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END TEXT. SNEIDER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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